(a) whether the Indian Olympic Association has demanded Government for enhanced and separate funds for training of athletes recently; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Olympic Association has requested allocation of funds to the tune of Rs. 200 crores per year for training of athletes, coaches, foreign exposures, etc. for Commonwealth Games, 2010.

(b) The preparation/training of sportpersons for major international events including Commonwealth Games is an on-going process which takes into account inputs provided with active participation & assistance from Central Government, State Governments and National & State level federations. Specific training of athletes and requirement of funds thereon will depend upon review of the performance in the Asian Games & Commonwealth Games, 2006 and Olympic Games, 2008 and other important international events prior to the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

The assessment of quantum of assistance would also be determined by the number of disciplines which get finalized for inclusion in the Commonwealth Games 2010.

For the year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 45.50 crores has been proposed for Commonwealth Games, 2010. Depending on the requirement assessed, enhanced allocation will be sought from time to time.

Commonwealth Games in Bangalore

4635. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country is proposing to host the 2010 Commonwealth Games at New Delhi;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to conduct some of the events outside Delhi;

(c) if so, the places that have been identified and events proposed;

(d) whether there is any possibility of Bangalore hosting an event in the 2010 Games; and

(e) if so, the name of the event?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does airse.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(e) Does not arise.

Outcome of the Conference of Sports Ministers

†4636. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the subjects which were discussed in the conference of Sports Ministers of the States held in Delhi in February, 2005;

(b) whether Government are considering to increase the assistance being provided as sports incentive to the extent of 75 percent as proposed by the States; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT) (a) A list of the main agenda items placed before the National Conference on Youth Affairs and Sports with State Ministers & Secretaries held on 16.02.2005 in New Delhi is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The issue of enhancing the Central assistance to 75% under sports schemes was raised by certain State representative in the context of revising the assistance norms under Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sports Infrastructure Schemes. These Schemes for Sports Infrastructure stand transferred to State Sector w.e.f. 01.04.2005.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.